Xbox 360 Preventative Maintenance

To have your system run as long as possible, it's important to run a normal maintenance on your game console. Just follow these steps and it'll help the life of your console.

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INTRODUCTION

A lot of us have heard about the red ring of death, E74, and other hardware errors and a very common question is "how do I prevent this from happening?"

Well, it's quite simple actually. It is very important that the systems are well ventilated. This includes other hot electronics to be away from your system. You want nice cool air to be brought into the system and hot air being blown out and away from it. We recommend six inches ALL around the console.

If you have dust build up in the system, the hot air can't escape due to a barrier of dust being built up on the heat sinks inside. Blow the system out once a month with a can of pressurized air that you use to clean your keyboard or any kind of pressured air that is strong enough to break up the dust build up. Some have used a strong vaccuum to suck the dirt out which will work as long as the suction is strong enough.

These are the two main factors that cause the errors. If you've done all this and the system fails, it is truly a hardware failure that you could not prevent from happening. All electronics fail sooner or later, nothing last forever.

TOOLS:

- Common Sense (1)
- Vacuum Cleaner (1)

Step 1 — Xbox 360 Preventative Maintenance





- Very nice examples here of being well ventilated.

Step 2





- Don't have your system like this.
- Avoid having other electronics such as your tv or dvd player close to the console.

Follow these guidelines and it'll help your system breathe that much better.

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